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**FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A MULTILAYER
INTERCONNECTION STRUCTURE AND FABRICATION PROCESS
THEREOF**

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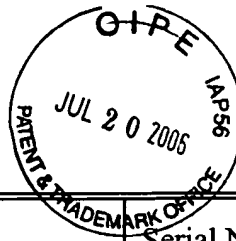
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_____	AF	06-287741	11/10/1994	Japan	Yes - abstract. See also counterpart documents AG and AI.
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